



Richard Norris Canterbury

November 8, 1942 - February 16, 2025

Richard Norris Canterbury, 82, of Mercer County's Midway, WV, died Sunday, February 16, 2025 at Carrington Place at Botetourt Commons in Daleville, VA. He was born in Berwind, WV on November 8, 1942 to the late Ralph K. Canterbury, Sr. and Evelyn Bird Canterbury.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ralph K. Canterbury, Jr.; sister, Linda Kay Cox; nephew, Robert Haynes; and brothers-in-laws, Claude Haynes and Gordie Gibson.

He is survived by his sister, Rena Haynes Gibson of Stuarts Draft, VA; nieces, Rebecca Elliott and husband Mike of Bristow, VA, Virginia Cadd Grissom and husband Israel of Patrick County, VA, Lisa Cox of Nashville, TN, Shari Cox Parker and husband Mark; nephews, Gary Haynes and wife Kathy of Staunton, VA, Robert Canterbury and wife Kim of Troutville, VA, and David Canterbury; grandnieces, Ashleigh Elliott Iszard and husband Alex of Manassas, VA, Samantha and Elizabeth Parker of Lascassus, TN, Courtney Canterbury Ashby and husband Mark of Troutville, VA, Morgan Canterbury Bowles and husband Zach, Krissie Haynes, Kimberly Haynes, and Samantha Cadd Montgomery ; grandnephews, Travis Cadd, and Phillip Haynes; numerous great-great nieces and nephew; brother-in-law, Ray Cox of Murfreesboro, TN; sister-in-law, Diane Canterbury of Jerusalem, AR.

Mr. Canterbury was a 1960 graduate of Big Creek High School. He served in the United States Air Force for twelve years. He was a Vietnam War veteran and had received the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was a graduate of

VWCC in 1975, and VPI with a B.A. Horticulture in 1977. He worked mostly as a wholesale greenhouse grower. He was an active volunteer and member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, WV, was a member of the Knight of Columbus 4th Degree. He was a past member of Bluefield Virginia Memorial Post and VA District 9 Chapters of the VFW, and had memberships at Pocahontas Post 14 of the American Legion, and the DAV Chapter 31 in Princeton, WV.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church where military honors will be provide by the Mercer County Veteran's Honor Guard. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour.

A private interment will occur after cremation at Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Charlotte, NC.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Bluefield Memorial Post VFW or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

Charlotte, NC 28215

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1003 Wyoming St
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1003 Wyoming St
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall

JE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Richard was a wonderful person. He was my mother’s first cousin as my grandmother, Clarice Bird Cook, was Evelyn’s sister. I always loved to talk to him and get a hug. He will be missed. With love,
Jessica Young Nigh (Joyce Cook Young’s daughter & Keith and Clarice Cook’s granddaughter.)

jessnigh@gmail.com - September 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Richard Norris Canterbury, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Richard Norris Canterbury, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 21, 2025 at 05:12 AM

JM

Rest in peace my friend. It was an honor to be able to visit you during this difficult journey. It is comforting to know that your body is pain free and whole again.

Jean M. - February 26, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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To the nieces and nephews, I enjoyed talking with Richard several times over the years. I do have a 400 page genealogy book compiled by another cousin on the Canterbury family if any of you would be interested, I can provide some info on the family. God bless you all. A cousin Paul Marshall Canterbury pcanterbury51@gmail.com or phone 304-425-2206 and leave a message.

Paul Canterbury - March 01, 2025 at 02:02 PM